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An Invitation From Your Board of Trustees

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for Plain Township's Eighth Annual "Winterfest" at Diamond Community Park on Friday, December 2nd, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This magical event is sponsored by Plain Township and its Parks Department, Adventures with Dad, Inc, Pellini Campbell & Williams and the Slagle Wolf Group LLC.

Winterfest 2016

Friday, December 2nd 6:00 pm
Diamond Community Park-2782 Diamond Street NE-330-492-4689
Major Sponsors: Adventures with Dad, Inc
Pellini Campbell & Williams Ltd
Slagle Wolf Group LLC
Plain Township Trustees



We will be accepting donations for the SAM Center (Serving Area Military)
Manwich, boxes of cereal, pasta, toilet paper, Poptarts, paper towels, coffee, food & fuel gift cards, \$5.00 fast food cards

- Holiday Tree Lighting
- Pictures with Santa-bring your cameras
- Photo Booth by the Laugh Boxx
- National Champion Ice
- National Championship Woodcarver
- Crafts for Kids
- Bonfires
- Live DJ Spinning Holiday Tunes

Plain Township is excited to continue this growing community tradition which offers fun for families and attendees of all ages. The Park's 42 acres will be aglow in lighting displays. Residents can gather warmly by small bonfires and sip hot chocolate from our concession area, while enjoying festive holiday music. The gathered crowd will be dazzled by the amazing ice carvings created by Elegant Ice Creations and wood carvings by Lumber Jack Chainsaw Artists. The Plain Township Historical Society will have a display on site and the Big Man in Red, Santa Claus, will make an appearance to personally hear children's requests. Crafts can be created by children, stories will be told, memories of past holidays will be evoked and new ones will be able to be

made and preserved in the Laugh Boxx photo booth that will last a lifetime. The capstone of this special evening will be the ceremonial township tree lighting.

Because it is the season of goodwill, Plain Township will offer donation drop off areas onsite for "Coats For Kids" and "The SAM Center Stocking Stuffer" program will have bins available to accept full sized toiletries, Manwich, boxes of cereal, pasta, toilet paper, Poptarts, coffee, and food & fuel gift cards, as well as \$5 fast food gift cards. If you are attending and can spare a little extra, we encourage you to make a donation of your time, effort or goodwill to these fine organizations which faithfully serve our community.

Stop by and immerse yourself in the holiday spirit and join us for a wonderful seasonal celebration of community, camaraderie and festive fun for the whole family at Plain Township's eighth Anniversary of Winterfest at Diamond Community Park.

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Zoning Department

(330) 492-4686

Thank you to our Plain Township Residents!

On behalf of the Plain Township Board of Trustees and Sheriff George Maier, we offer our sincere appreciation to our residents for the passage of our Police Levy. This levy will allow us to hire 8 additional officers and increase our boots on the ground presence in our community. We will also be able to purchase additional cruisers and implement a vehicle replacement program. The Plain Township Board of Trustees recognizes that we could not offer our police services without the support of our residents and community and for that we are grateful. **Safe neighborhoods are vital to making Plain Township a great place to live, work, worship and play!**



Looking to start a new business or relocate an existing business?

Thanks to the following benefits, Plain Township is the perfect place to do that!

BUSINESS FRIENDLY - Plain Township's staff is here to assist you with your existing business or in starting a new business. We will do all we can to arrange meetings and help get your plans and permits approved on an expedited basis, if needed. Plain Township will take a personal interest in getting 'hitches' resolved as we truly want to help businesses get established and re-located.

LESS TAXING - Plain Township's tax environment (including corporate or personal income tax) makes it continually one of the most business friendly locations in the state.

LOCATION - The location, economic environment and access to a capable work force are some of the key reasons why Plain Township is the place for your business. Our Township is conveniently located between major markets such as, Canton, North Canton, Akron, Lake Twp. & Jackson Twp.

LIFESTYLE - Known for its planned communities and high-quality of living, it is one of the area's safest cities. Plain Township is just minutes from shopping and the Akron Canton Airport.

LABOR MARKET - Plain Township is one of the most stable municipalities in the area.

Sign Permits

Temporary signs such as a banner or portable sign require a permit and are valid for 30 days. You may have a temporary sign four (4) months in a calendar year. Please obtain your Temporary Sign Permit **before** placing a sign on your property.

All permanent signs require permits.

Please check with the Zoning Department for size regulations.

Giving Tree-Coat Drop Off



Plain Township Hall at 2600 Easton Street NE will have a giving tree and coat drop off, set up in our lobby from **November 1st, 2016– December 5th** on weekdays from 8:00am-4:30pm.

Your donations will help local children, residents in nursing homes and both children and adults with mental and physical handicaps.



Plain Township Benefits from Utility Audit

Plain Township has retained the Eric Ryan Corporation to perform a utility audit in pursuance of reducing operating costs and identifying waste. Eric Ryan Corporation reviews utility bills provided by Plain Township for billing errors that may result in refunds or credits, or reduce the utility expense in the future. The auditing process begins by Eric Ryan Corporation analyzing the information and entering the bill data into energy management software. The software assists experts in locating billing errors, cost per kWh variations, usage trends, estimated bills, meter read errors, cost per square foot variations, minimum demand billing, and high contracted demands.

As of this writing, Eric Ryan Corporation has identified over \$4,800 in cost savings! This is simply another tool that Plain Township is using to ensure your tax dollars are protected and being spent efficiently. To learn more about township happenings and Plain Township's Fiscal Officer, visit us today at **PlainTownship.com!**

Parks Department

(330) 492-4689

Indoor Soccer Leagues

Register your competitive team for a ten-week session of competitive games against other clubs. Registration is \$660.00 per team. Registration fees can be paid in cash or check (*made out to Plain Township Trustees*) and sent to Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, 44721.

REGISTRATION CLOSES: At 4:30pm on—January 14th for MENS, January 20th for High School COED and January 27th for ADULT COED

LEAGUE	GAME DATES
HIGH SCHOOL COED Thursday Evenings	JANUARY: 26th - FEBRUARY: 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd MARCH: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
OPEN ADULT COED Friday Evenings	FEBRUARY: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th MARCH: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st - APRIL: 7th
OPEN ADULT MENS Sunday Evenings	JANUARY: 22nd & 29th - FEBRUARY: 12th, 19th & 26th MARCH: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th - APRIL: 2nd

Recreational Soccer League

Register your child for Session 2 of the COED recreational soccer league. It is a 9-week session of instructional/recreational soccer played Saturdays at Diamond Park's Indoor Sports Complex. You can request a teammate and/or coach to play with. Registration fees are \$55.00 per child when you volunteer to coach, or \$82.50 for the first child, \$71.50 for a second child, and \$66.00 for the third child and beyond. All registrations are cash or check (*made out to Plain Township Trustees*) and mailed or dropped off to Township Hall located at 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, 44721

by 4:30pm on Friday, January 27th for K-6 and 4:30pm on Friday, February 3rd for 7-8.

K-6 Dates: PRACTICES— February 4th & 11th. **GAMES**— February 18th & 25th / March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th / April 1st

7-8 Dates: GAMES— February 11th, 18th & 25th / March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th / April 1st & 9th

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- * Lessons and Club Rentals
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"Supporting Plain Township since 1963"

Messy Hands

Get creative with us at Diamond Park's Community Room for arts and crafts for children ages 2-5 years, with their parent/guardian on Mondays. Sessions are five classes and cost \$41.00 per child, which includes all of the materials. Mail or drop off registration to Township Hall at 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, 44721. Cash or checks made payable to *Plain Township Trustees* are accepted. Parent/guardian participation is required and we recommend dressing children in old clothes because we promise to get MESSY! Minimum 4 registrations needed to hold class.

Session 3 registration is open and will take place at 10:00am on December 5th, 12th & 19th and January 9th & 23rd.

Skyland Pines



Golf Club



Golf and Banquet Facility
3550 Columbus Rd. NE Canton, Ohio 44705
330 454-5131 Toll Free 877 230-1365
www.skylandpines.net

Fire Department

(330) 492-4089

Health Technology Program



The Plain Township Fire Department provides a field experience for the Plain Local Schools Health Technology program, so that students can explore the world of fire and EMS. Students are given a chance to do firefighter skills at the Plain Township training building and ride along on EMS calls to get medical experience.



Introducing our New Staff

The Plain Township Board of Trustees swore in seven new firefighter/paramedics at the Central Fire Station in front of their family, friends and the current staff. The hiring of the additional personnel was made possible by the passage of the additional fire levy last year by Plain Township residents. The additional staff has increased the township's 24 hour coverage to fourteen firefighter/paramedics on duty per day, which allows the department to serve the needs of our growing community.



Pictured from left to right: Trustee Scott Haws, Firefighter/Paramedics Kyle Albert, Patrick Martinez,

Daniel Ventura, Joseph Theil, Cameron Martin, Aaron Kauth, and Alex Hylton.

Dangers of Frying a Turkey

In recent years, deep-frying turkeys has become increasingly popular. The cooking method requires placing the turkey in cooking oil, heated by propane. The Plain Township Fire and Rescue Department warns that cooking with deep-fat turkey fryers can be very dangerous, as they have a high risk of tipping over, overheating or spilling hot oil. That could lead to fires, burns, or other injuries. The PTFD advises you to use extreme caution when using a turkey fryer.

If you decide to do it anyway, these precautions should be followed:

- Fryers should be used outdoors, on a solid level surface and a safe distance from buildings.
- Use well insulated oven mitts, long sleeves and safety goggles when using a deep fryer.
- Never use a fryer on a deck, under a patio, in a garage or any enclosed space.
 - Do not overfill the fryer and ever leave the fryer unattended.
 - Never let children or pets near the fryer.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed before placing it in the fryer.
- **Keep an ABC Fire Extinguisher nearby and if a fire occurs, call 911 immediately.**



GlenOak Home Games

The Plain Township Fire Department provides an emergency paramedic unit at all GlenOak home games. The Paramedics are on standby for players and fans in the event of an emergency. **The Fire Department would like congratulate the players and coaches on good season!**



Fire Department

(330) 492-4089

Holiday Safety Tips

The Holidays are fast approaching and here are a few safety tips:

TREES — When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the “Fire Resistant” label. When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness—make sure needles are soft and don’t fall off. Live trees need water and LOTS of it! Cut about one inch off of the bottom of the trunk before putting the tree in the stand and add water daily. Dry trees can burn in SECONDS! Never block an exit with your tree.

Keep children and pets in mind when placing decorations on your tree. Remove live trees from your home as soon as possible. Never attempt to move a burning tree.

LIGHTS — Check each set for damaged sockets or wires and discard of bad sets. Use only UL approved light sets. Follow manufacturer instructions concerning the maximum number of light sets that can be connected together. Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

For outside lights, use only lights and extension cords marked “for outdoor use”.

DECORATIONS — Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim your tree/house.

CANDLES — Use candles only in approved containers and never near trees, evergreen trimmings, or combustibles. Never leave burning candles unattended.

FIREPLACES — Never place decorations around fireplaces or use combustible decorations on the mantle. Do not burn wrapping paper in a fireplace or dispose of your tree in such.

GIFTS — Consider giving a gift that shows you care about someone. Smoke alarms, CO detectors and fire extinguishers make great gifts!

Have a safe and happy holiday season and don’t forget to like us on Facebook at Plain Township Fire & Rescue-Stark County!

Winter Fire Safety

As colder weather approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to discuss fire safety in your home. First of all, do you have a working smoke detector in your home? Do you know the age of your smoke detectors? According to most smoke detector manufacturers, smoke detectors have a life span of 10 years. If yours are older than 10 years, the fire department encourages you to go out and purchase new detectors. The date of manufacture can be found on the smoke detector.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in homes without a working smoke detector. Home heating appliances are the second leading cause of residential fires. If you have an older home, it is recommended that there be at least one smoke detector on each level of your home. If you have a home built after 2011, then smoke

detectors are required on every level of your home, in all bedrooms and in the hallways adjacent to the bedrooms. When it comes to smoke detectors, there are two different types of detectors. One

type of smoke detector is called an ionization detector, which is most commonly found in homes today. An ionization detector is more responsive to flaming fires which can create a greater amount of smoke, thus causing the detector to sound. Simple way to put it, these detectors act as a “nose” and once they “smell” the smoke, they sound. The other type of detector is a

photoelectric detector, which is more responsive to a smoldering fire or a fire that takes a longer time to ignite a combustible or flammable item. Simple way to put it, these detectors act as an “eye” and “see” the fire instead of “smelling” the fire. Once the detector has “seen” the smoke, the detector will sound. The PTFD recommends that homes have dual sensor ionization/ photoelectric smoke detectors in the home. Both types of smoke detectors can be found at the local hardware or “big box” store.

If you have appliances that use natural gas in your home (i.e., furnace, hot water tank, stove, dryer) it is recommended that you have a Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector in your home. Typically, only one is needed for a home and should be placed where the family spends the most time, but not around appliances that use natural gas or near an attached garage.



Road Department

(330) 492-3423



Sidewalk Salt and Stormwater

Snowy weather is upon us! The snow brings with it most people's least favorite chore; shoveling the driveway and sidewalk! It has to be done to prevent slipping and injury, but some of the materials we use to melt snow and ice can damage our plants, waterways and ecosystem.

Rock salt to melt snow and ice has been the go to solution for years. However, rock salt is corrosive and bad for the environment. It contains sodium chloride.

It weakens concrete and pollutes our streams and rivers when it is carried by stormwater. As salt melts the ice, the water runs into our storm drains and ditches. The salt threatens our fish and ecosystem in the Nimishillen Creek.

Please use rock salt sparingly.

Some people use grit, sawdust, bird seed or cat litter to prevent slipping. Another alternative is calcium magnesium acetate or CMA. When it comes into contact with ice and snow, it gives off heat to better melt ice and snow. Whatever you choose to use, there is no avoiding shoveling, as it's the best way to remove snow and ice!



Parking Snow Ban

Please remember that no parking is allowed on the paved surfaced of posted streets when there is more than two inches of snow on the ground. Many Plain Township roadways will be posted this year with "No Parking" signs and the ban will be strongly enforced!

Plain Township has 173 lane miles of road... and that is just going in one direction. The average width of our township roads range from 26 to 30 feet. As a result, this takes our drivers 4 passes to clear an average roadway. We also have over 250 cul de sacs in the township. Each cul de sac has an average of 5 driveways, limiting the places that snow can be put. All of our drivers do their very best to not block driveways for mailboxes in cul de sacs, but it can be extremely difficult during heavy snow, as the snow has to go somewhere.

The township road garage consists of 11 full time plow drivers. When possible, office personnel, like the Highway Superintendent, Foreman and Inspector all hop into pick up trucks to assist.

The Highway Department's main goal is to make our streets safe from icy, wintry conditions. There are over 22,000 driveways in Plain Township. Unfortunately, there is absolutely no way that our plow drivers can avoid putting snow in front of your driveway. The plow driver's job is solely to clear the roadway. During major storms, our crew can be out for over 24 hours and still have to go home to clear their own driveways.

During a heavy snowstorm, it can reasonably take our snow plow drivers 12 to 16 hours to clear ALL roadways, after the snow has STOPPED! Our crew is instructed to clear main roads first, followed by secondary roads and lastly dead ends and cul de sacs. Each driver has a starting and finishing point. No one area in the township has a higher priority than another.

We also request that residents on non-posted streets be courteous in moving their cars so that plowing can be done in a timely manner. The reason for removing vehicles from the roadway is safety for our drivers, by not having to go around

vehicles or other obstacles that can be damaged. It also helps us improve our efficiency in getting the roads cleared quickly. To receive snow ban updates via your cell phone, go to www.nixle.com to receive alerts! The snow bans are announced on WHBC and the Canton Repository, along with our Facebook and Twitter sites!



Road Department

(330) 492-3423



Winter Reminders



- Please do not put trash cans in the roadway when it snows.
- Remember to stay at least 50 feet back from salt trucks, so that your vehicle is not damaged by salt spreaders. If you are too close, your vehicle may not be visible to the driver.
 - Portable basketball hoops must be removed from the Township right-of-way.
 - We apologize for snow blocking driveways however, at times this is unavoidable.
- **If a SNOW PLOW knocks down your mailbox, please call us.** After the snow fall has ended, repairs of mailboxes will be evaluated on the order they are received.
- **Main roads throughout the Township are salted and plowed first; then the secondary roads. Trucks are assigned to specific areas and no area has priority over any other.**
- If your yard or driveway apron is damaged by snowplows, please call us and your name will be put on a list for repairs in the Spring.

Many roads within Plain Township are maintained by other public entities. This can cause some confusion for Township residents, as to who maintains the road. For your convenience, listed below are the roads that tend to cause the most confusion and the telephone numbers of the public entities responsible for their maintenance.

Road	Contact	Telephone	Road	Contact	Telephone
38 th St. NE (Cleveland Ave to Guilford))	City of Canton	330-489-3030	Diamond St (Middlebranch to Market St)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
38 th St. NE (Guilford to Whipple Ave)	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781	Easton St	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
44th St NE (Plain Center to Market Ave)	City of Canton	330-489-3030	Harmont Ave	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
44th St NW (Market to Cleveland)	City of Canton	330-489-3030	Martindale Rd	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
44th St NW (Cleveland to Harrison St)	Plain Township	330-492-3423	Middlebranch Ave	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
55th St NE (Harmont Ave to Middlebranch)	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781	Market Ave. (SR 43) (North of 55 th)	Ohio Dept. of Trans.	330-452-0365
55th St NE (Middlebranch to Lindford)	Plain Township	330-492-3423	Market Ave. (SR 43) (South of 55 th)	City of Canton	330-489-3030
55th St NE (Lindford to Market)	City of Canton	330-489-3030	Mt. Pleasant St NE (Market St to Middlebranch Ave)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
Applegrove St (Market St to N Canton City Lts)	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781	Mt. Pleasant St NW (Market to Pittsburg)	Lake Township	330-877-9479
Applegrove St (Middlebranch to Market Ave)	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781	Schneider St. NW (Market Ave to North Canton City Line)	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Bentler Ave NE (Columbus Rd to Easton St)	Nimishillen Township	330-875-3511	Werner Church Road	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Bentler Ave NE (Easton St to Diamond St)	Plain Township	330-492-3423	Westmoreland Ave (Fulton to Arboratum Park)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
Columbus Rd	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781	Westmoreland Ave (Arboratum Park to Guilford)	City of Canton	330-489-3030
Diamond St (Middlebranch to Bentler Rd)	Plain Township	330-492-3423			

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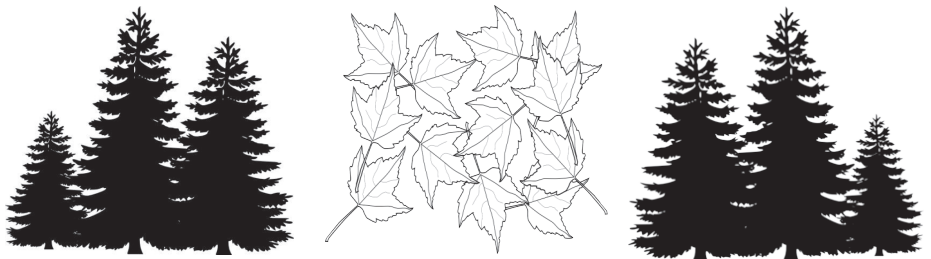
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Contact List

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Elected Officials	
Trustees	(330)492-4689
Fiscal Officer/Finance	(330)493-1366
County Commissioners	(330)451-7371
Fire & Rescue	
Fire Administration	(330)492-4089
Emergency Calls	911
History	
Historical Society preservingplaintwp@gmail.com	(330)494-6187
Parks	
Park Programming	(330)492-4689
Park Reservations	(330)492-4689
Plain Local Sports	
Holly Hills Baseball www.hollyhillsbaseball.com	(330)495-6333
Community Soccer Club www.communitysoccerclub.com	
Plain Local Softball www.PLBSA.com	(330)605-6841
Plain Midget Football www.plainlocalfootball.com	(330)966-2475
GlenOak Mat Club	(330)284-5979
Big Dog Lacrosse www.bigdoglacrosse.com	(330)685-6199
Police	
Stark County Sheriff	(330)430-3800
Emergency Calls	911
Real Estate Records	
Stark County Auditor	(330)451-7357
Recycling	
Solid Waste District	(800)678-9839
Road Department/Storm Sewer	
Stark County Roads	(330)477-6781
Stark County Sewer	(330)451-2303
State of Ohio Roads	(330)452-0365
Plain Township Roads	(330)492-3423
Schools	
Canton City	(330)438-2500
North Canton	(330)497-5600
Plain School Admin.	(330)492-3500
Plain Bus Garage	(330)492-1918
Septic Systems	
Stark Co. Health Dept.	(330)493-9904
Voter Registration	
Board of Elections	(330)451-8683
Water Service	
Canton City Water	(330)489-3315
North Canton Water	(330)499-4801
Aqua Water	(877)987-2782
Zoning Permits	
Plain Township Zoning	(330)492-4686

PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, OH 44721



Yard Waste Recycling

Leaves, branches, small tree limbs, Christmas trees and other yard waste is accepted at both unassisted drop locations, in loose form or paper bags.

2855 Easton St NE

Hours: 8:00-6:00, **Monday, Thursday & Saturday**
December 5th - January 12th, then closed until Spring
CLOSED: ALL Holidays

Warstler Brothers Landscaping

4125 Salway Ave NW

Hours: 8:00am-3:00pm, **Monday - Friday**
Until January 6th, then closed until Spring
CLOSED: ALL Holidays